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TO RESTORE THE OLD RITUAL.
A CHURCH UNION FOR CANADA ORGANIZED IN HAMILTON.

On April 17th, there was brought into existence in Hamilton a religious or ecclesiastical organization of which much will be heard by and by, and which is probably destined to make itself deeply felt in the Anglican church in Canada. The new society is the result of a movement on the part of that section of the High Church party in the Church of England to which the general name of Ritualists is given. In the eyes of "low churchmen" the extreme Ritualists—that is, those who go so far in the way of ceremonialism as to make themselves regarded as just within whispering distance of the Church of Rome; but the Ritualists hold that every detail of ritual which they have adopted is authorized by the Book of Common Prayer, and that they are the true Anglicans. In England the Ritualists were hardly dealt with not many years ago, some of them being even imprisoned for insisting upon the practice of certain ceremonies which were objected to by the ecclesiastical or civil authorities; but, as is usual in such cases, persecution only tended to strengthen and extend their cause, and now the tendency of the Church in England is admitted to be distinctly upward so far as ritual is concerned.

In Canada and the United States the same tendency is noticeable. Low churchmen regret it and strive to avert it, both by individual effort and by concerted organized action.

The high churchmen are active, earnest and far-sighted; and they mean business. Hitherto they have not had an organization in Canada for the purpose of propagandist work; but now this want has been supplied, and a society for the promotion of high church principles—of "ritualistic" principles, if you will—has been brought into being. Its name is the Canadian Church Union. The establishment of the union has been in contemplation for about a year, but the first steps to that end were taken only a few days ago, when invitations were sent to prominent High churchmen throughout Canada to attend a meeting in St. Matthew's church-house on the evening of April 17th. The meeting was held, and many of those who were summoned to it were present. A constitution, short but comprehensive, was adopted. The most important clause in the constitution is the one in which the object of the organization is set forth. This object is: "To unite communions of the Anglican church in Canada for the restoration of the full use of the Book of Common Prayer."

These officers were elected: President, Matilda Newman, of Hamilton; Vice President, Rev. R. F. Dixon, of Hamilton; and Thomas Burnside, of Bothwell; Secretary-treasurer, Rev. C. E. Whitecombe, of Hamilton. A council of seven gentlemen was also elected.

The object of the union, as described in the clause quoted above, seems very simple and innocuous. But it means much. It means that organized effort will be made to restore to the church service all the ritual which was practiced at the time of Cranmer, before the introduction of the Puritan element into the church. It means that the vestments, lights and other ornaments and all the ornate ceremonial authorized by the Prayer book of Edward VI., shall be restored; for the leaders of the movement point out that the Prayer book now in use, so far from prohibiting these things, expressly enforces and re-authorizes them. It means that the clergyman of the church shall strictly observe their religious duties as set forth in the Prayer Book, one of which duties (and which is seldom observed), is that they shall hold a public service in the church or chapel. It means, in short, that the whole of the Prayer Book, and not portions of it, shall be taken as a guide to faith and religious duty.

The organization is not connected with the Anglican Church Union in England. The chief object for the organization of the Union in England was the protection from legal prosecution of those clergymen who revived the ancient ritual in the church service. The spirit of the constitution of the C. C. U. is not defensive, as there is no need of defensive measures in Canada.

has its right to demand that the old usages in regard to church ornaments shall be restored in the following proviso, which is to be found in every Book of Common Prayer: "And here it is to be noted that such ornaments of the church and of the ministers thereof, at all times of their ministrations, shall be retained and be in use as were in this Church of England, by the authority of Parliament, in the second year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth."

WESTERN CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

As we are going to press the greater number of Editors of Manitoba and North West papers are en-route to Victoria B.C., where the first annual convention of the Western Canadian Press Association will take place. We are exceedingly sorry that press of business makes it impossible for us to take advantage of the trip, the programme of which is a most tempting one, as will be seen from the following clipping from a circular which has been sent by Sec. C. H. Mathers to the members of the Association:

"Two special cars will leave Winnipeg via C. P. R. on Wednesday, May 10th, (yesterday) at 10 o'clock, attached to regular train. At Calgary the special car will be side-tracked, and the party given an opportunity to accept the hospitality of the Calgary people for a day. Leave Calgary at 2:30 in the morning of the 11th reaching Banff at 6:30. The present intention is to remain over Sunday at Banff, leaving on Monday morning for the west, continuing the trip through the mountains by daylight, reaching Kamloops on the night of Monday the 14th. The trip down the Fraser river will be made by daylight on Tuesday and Vancouver reached at 12:50 the same day. After luncheon the steamer for Victoria will be boarded and that place reached at 10 o'clock.

The above outline of the trip westward is as complete as can at present be made, and unless some side trips are arranged for, (which will not occupy more than a day's time) it is more than probable that Victoria will be reached on schedule time. Invitations have been extended by the cities of Westminster, Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma, and it is altogether likely that they will be accepted, the secretary having advised them to that effect. The convention will be held in a hall in Victoria, and will occupy portions of Wednesday and Thursday, 16th and 17th. The press and citizens of Victoria will provide entertainment for the visitors, among others being a drive around the city and a steamer excursion in the straits with luncheon. They have also made arrangements for reduced hotel rates at the best hotels in the city. As the convention is called partly for the purpose of completing the organization of the Association, it is impossible at present to give the programme of the proceedings. A committee, however, has been entrusted with the work of preparing one and doubtless they will be in a position to submit something of a very interesting character; addresses on practical subjects having been promised by men in every way qualified.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Editor of this paper wishes it to be distinctly understood that he in no way holds himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

LIPPENTOTT PUBLIC HALL.

To the Editor of the ADVOCATE:—
Mr. Editor, as their requires some explanation in reference to the Public Hall in this place, it might not be out of place for me to make some statements as to how the hall is being built and for what it is intended.

In the first place there was a public meeting held at W. Lund's, Mr. A. Rowand in the chair, and D. Simpson Sec. The meeting was well attended, about 90 being present. The first question was to determine if a hall, and a motion for the affirmative was carried unanimously; the next motion was that it be built by subscription, carried. The following were named to solicit subscriptions: J. Proud, W. Lund, R. Legge and D. Johnson.

A site offered by Mr. Garie was accepted being considered the most central place, and as it was given gratuitously it could not very well be refused. The following sums were collected by those with lists: D. Johnson \$70.00, W. Lund \$80.00, J. Proud \$25.00. We also received from D. McLean \$10, J. F. Frame, M. P. P., \$20.00. The building committee, W. Lund, J. Proud and D. Simpson then purchased Building Stock of J. Broadley to the amount that was subscribed, and the work, as far as it has gone, has been the gift of the people. But it will require some fifty dollars worth of material to complete the hall. The trustees placed in charge were instructed to charge a small sum to all parties requiring the use of hall, to pay for fire and light, but the amount will be so small that it will be no hindrance to the public or any one wishing the use of it. Parties being in the neighborhood and having public business to transact should consider that they cannot have their neighbors comfortable rooms to sit in and contribute something towards the completion of a hall which will be a credit to this or any other place. If these statements are not satisfactory I will be glad to answer any thing in connection with the matter. I have been led to me to the trustees in order to give parties the chance to come forward and show if there is any truth in the statements—that are making so much public talk. Or have they learned the wisdom of the old maxim, when you tell a lie tell a good one; and when you tell a good one stick to it.

On behalf of those that have aided in erecting the public hall and committee in charge, I remain yours truly,
D. SIMPSON,
Sec. to Hall Com.

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